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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For (title):

ARTICLE CONVEYING APPARATUS

Type of Application 1.

This application is for an original (non-provisional).

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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

38 Page(s) of Specification 5 Page(s) of Claims 14 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- 5 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney
- 1 Page(s) of abstract

3. Additional Papers Enclosed

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

Citations

4. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed and executed by the inventor.

5. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

6. Language

English

7. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to Daifuku Co., Ltd. is attached. A separate FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

8. Certified Copy

Certified copy of application:

Country	Application Number	<u>Filed</u>		
JAPAN	JP 2003-076666	03/20/2003		

from which priority is claimed is attached.

9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

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	Number Filed			Number Extra				Rat	e	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00		§ 1.16(a)
Total Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c))		11	_	20	=	0	x	\$	18.00	=	\$	0.00
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10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee	\$856.00
Recording assignment (\$40; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION".)	\$40.00
Total Fees Enclosed	\$896.00

11. Method of Payment of Fees

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12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

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37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

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